Northallerton
Rural District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1972

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NORTHALLERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1972

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District Council :

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Health of the District for 1972. The Report follows the same lines as previous reports.

The state of the health of the district is satisfactory. The main vital statistics are as follows. Birth Rate, adjusted by the comparability factor, 15.3 higher than that for England and Wales (14.8). Infant Mortality Rate (Deaths of infants under one year per 1,000 births) 6 lower than that for England and Wales (17), General Death Rate (Adjusted) 12.2, only slightly higher than that for England and Wales (12.1). There were no maternal deaths and three stillbirths.

There were 38 cases of measles notified. Immunisation against measles is available. It is hoped that parents of children will avail themselves of this. It is recommended that children should be immunised against measles at the age of fourteen months. This can be done by the General Practitioner or at the Child Health Clinics.

Other infectious diseases included two cases of tuberculosis, showing that we must still be vigilant regarding this disease which is fortunately readily treated in the early stages. There were also two cases of Infective Hepatitis.

The water supply authority for the district is the Northallerton and the Dales Water Board. Throughout the year routine bacteriological samples were taken by the Board and examined by the Hospital Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

I would like to convey my thanks to Mr. Templeman and his staff for their assistance and co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

H. R. MORRISON,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(*a*) General Statistics.

Area (in acres)	63,512
Population (Registrar-General's Estimate of Resident Population in mid-year 1972	10,850
Population (1951 census)	8,484
Population (1961 census)	8,610
Number of inhabited houses (1951)	2,458
Number of inhabited houses (1972)	4,207
Rateable value of district (April, 1973) ..	£872,053
Product of 1p. Rate (31st March, 1973) ..	£3,143

(*b*) Vital Statistics (As supplied by Registrar General).

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total	Legit.	Illegit.	Total	Legit.	Illegit.
Live Births ..	88	86	2	75	72	3
Still Births ..	3	3	—	—	—	—
Infant Deaths—						
Under 1 year ..	—	—	—	1	1	—
Under 4 weeks ..	—	—	—	1	1	—
Under 1 week ..	—	—	—	1	1	—

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes of Death	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostrate	1	—	1
Maliganant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ..	5	1	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	6	6
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	1	5	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	19	11	30
Other forms of Heart Disease	2	8	10
Pneumonia	4	5	9
Bronchitus and Emphysema	6	—	6
Other Diseases of Nervous System ..	1	3	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	11	12	23
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ..	2	4	6
Asthma	—	1	1
All other accidents	1	—	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	2	3
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	—	1
Leukaemia	1	—	1
Diabetes Mellitus	—	1	1
Anaemias	—	1	1
Hypertensive Diseases	1	2	3
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	1	—	1
do do	—	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ..	—	1	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1	2
Suicide and Self Inflicted Injuries ..	1	—	1
Totals ..	62	68	130

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

It was not necessary to take action under the 1951 Amendment of Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises persons who are not able to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

The details of the staff are given at the beginning of the report.

Laboratory Facilities. Laboratory Facilities are provided by the Hospital Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Ambulance Facilities.

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station in Bullamoor Road, Northallerton.

Hospital Facilities.

Local Hospital accommodation is provided in the area by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board.

In addition a considerable number of residents in the area are treated in Darlington and Middlesbrough hospitals.

Nursing in the Homes.

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council with day to day administration dealt with by the Area Medical Officer. The Staff operating in the Northallerton Rural District comprises five District Nurse/Midwives and one health visitor.

Home Help Service.

This is provided by the County Social Services Department, County Hall, Northallerton.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supplies.

Additional details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION D.

Housing

2 Bungalows were completed at Brompton and work proceeded on a further 2.

Of the unfit houses in the district, 4 were closed.

Major works of improvement of the 56 pre-war Council houses was commenced during the year.

Details of private houses improved are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION E.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious diseases notified	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	—	1	1
Tuberculosis Neck Glands	—	1	1
Measles	25	13	38
Infective Nepotites	1	1	2

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR for the year 1972.

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for the year 1972.

General Sanitary Work.

478 inspections and 432 reinspections of premises were made under the Public Health and Housing Acts. 198 Informal Notices were served upon the owner/occupier of premises in respect of nuisances occurring thereon.

4 Statutory Notices were served.

Analysis of Inspections, 1972.

Under Public Health and Housing Acts	478
Inspection of Council Houses	856
Tents, Vans and Sheds	30
Verminous Premises	0
Total Inspections of Housing Conditions	1,364
Private Slaughterhouses	207
Bakehouses	6
Milk Retailers	1
Ice Cream Sellers	13
Fried Fish Shops	8
Food Preparing Rooms	4
Food Premises	32
Total Inspections with regard to Food	271
Investigations of Complaints	492
Drain Tests	321
Rat Inspections	619
Factories and Workshops	20
Water Supplies	22
Water Samples (Bact.)	7
,, (Chem.)	0
Rivers and Streams	10
Building Construction Inspections	825
Sewage Works Inspections	291
Refuse Tip Inspections	192
Total of other Inspections	2,799
Grand total of Inspections	4,434

Summary of Sanitary Improvements. 1972.

Repairs to Roofs	29
,, ,, Walls, Pointing, etc.	35
,, Fallpipes and Eaves gutters	37
,, ,, Chimneys, Firegrates and Ovens	18
,, ,, Windows and Doors	22
,, ,, Floors	12
,, ,, Staircases	10
,, ,, Yard Surfaces	9
,, ,, and improvements to House Drains	42
,, ,, Coalhouses and Wash houses	2
Damp conditions remedied	15
Dirty and verminous houses cleaned	0

Water Supplies.

Insufficient supplies improved		9
Burst pipes and taps repaired		3
Internal supplies provided		0

Sanitary Conveniences.

W.C.'s and Yard Gullies cleansed		62
Pan Closets and Ashpits abolished		37
New Water Closets provided		37
Dust Bins provided and renewed		10

Drainage.

Obstructed drains and sewers cleaned		289
New sinks provided		97
Systems improved		95
Cesspools and Septic Tanks emptied—Council	31	
Private	127	
	—	158
Water Courses cleaned		6
New Septic Tanks		12

Shops and Food Premises.

New Food Preparation Apparatus	3
Walls, Floors, Ceilings, Cleansed and Decorated	3
Towels provided	2
Hot Water	1

Factories.

W.C.'s repaired	1
Wall, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments repaired cleansed and painted	1
Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments cleansed only	0
New Lighting (to closets)	0

General.

Nuisances caused by keeping Animals abated	1
TOTAL	827

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	24	15	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority excluding out-workers' premises	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total ..	24	15	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(if defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more " cases ").

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) ..					
(*a*) insufficient ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ..	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(*c*) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total ..	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil

Outworkers.

There are two outworkers within the District.

Factories with power.

Year 1972.

Ainderby Steeple	2
Borrowby	1
Brompton	2
Deighton	1
East Cowton	3
Hutton Bonville	1
Great Smeaton	1
Morton-on-Swale	1
Osmotherley	3
Romanby	9
	24

Trades.

Builders	15
Bakers	3
Motor Repair Shops	12
Blacksmiths	2
Milk and Milk Products Manufacturers ..	1
Cold Stores	1
Sawmills	3
Millers	2
Sand and Gravel	2
Saddlers	1
Joiners	9
Vehicle Dismantlers	1
Cattle Marts	1
Vegetable Pre-packer	1
	54

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Hereunder is reproduced details of the annual report to be submitted under Section 60 of the Act.

TABLE A

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	1	8	6
Retail shops	—	13	12
Wholesale shops, warehouses ..	—	3	2
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	9	9
Fuel storage depots	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	1	33	29

TABLE B

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

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TABLE C

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	44
Retail shops	31
Wholesale departments, warehouses ..	22
Catering establishments open to the public	16
Canteens	6
Fuel storage depots	—
Total	119
Total Males ..	64
Total Females ..	55

TABLE D—Exemptions

Class of premises	No. of exemptions current at 31st Dec.	No. of exemptions granted or extended during year	No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year	No. of cases in cols. (3) and (4) where employees opposed application	Appeals to Court against refusal to grant or extend an exemption or against the withdrawal of an exemption	
					No. made	No. allowed
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Part I—Space (Sec. 5 (2))						
Offices						
Retail shops						
Wholesale shops, warehouses	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..						
Fuel storage depots ..						
Part II—Temperature (Sec. 6)						
Offices						
Retail shops						
Wholesale shops, warehouses	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..						
Fuel storage depots ..						

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					No. made	No. allowed
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Part III—Sanitary Conveniencies (Sec. 9)						
Offices	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Retail shops						
Wholesale shops, warehouses						
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..						
Fuel storage depots ..						
Part IV—Washing Facilities (Sec. 10)						
Offices	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Retail shops						
Wholesale shops, warehouses						
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..						
Fuel storage depots ..						

TABLE E

PROSECUTIONS—Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the year

Section of Act or title of Regulation or Order	No. of persons or companies prosecuted	No. of informations laid	No. of informations leading to a conviction
	Nil	Nil	Nil

No. of complaints (or summary applications) made under section 22—Nil
No. of interim orders granted—Nil

TABLE F

INSPECTORS

No of inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act—3

No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act .. .. .. Nil

Housing and New Buildings

890 visits were made to or in respect of new buildings and buildings under construction.

The Building Regulations and the duties associated therewith continue to demand a great deal of your officers' time.

The table below gives details of houses under construction and completed since 1945 in their respective Parishes :—

By Private Enterprise.

Parish	Completed 1945 to 1972	Completed during 1972	Under Construction at end of 1972
Ainderby Steeple ..	11	1	–
Appleton Wiske ..	19	3	1
Birkby	4	–	–
Brompton	152	31	–
Borrowby	20	3	1
Cotcliffe	2	–	–
Crosby	2	1	1
Danby Wiske	2	–	1
Deighton	9	–	–
Ellerbeck	1	–	–
East Harlsey	4	–	–
East Cowton	66	5	15
South Cowton ..	5	–	1
Hornby	8	5	1
Hutton Bonville ..	10	1	–
Great Langton ..	4	–	–
Little Langton ..	1	–	–
Great Smeaton	9	–	–
Little Smeaton ..	3	3	–
Kirby Sigston ..	8	–	–
Kiplin	1	–	–
Lazenby	3	–	–
Leake	2	–	–
Osmotherley	27	4	1
Over Silton	2	–	–
Nether Silton	2	–	–
Morton-on-Swale ..	68	38	24
Romanby	921	61	9
Thornton-le-Beans ..	30	4	3
Thrintoft	5	–	–
Warlaby	4	–	–
Welbury	37	1	1
West Harlsey	3	–	–
West Rounton ..	11	–	1
Whitwell	3	–	–
Winton	1	–	–
Total	1,460	161	60

By Northallerton Rural District Council.

Parish	Total number of Council Houses December, 1972	Completed during 1972	Under Construction at end of 1972
Ainderby Steeple ..	4	–	–
Appleton Wiske ..	38	–	–
Borrowby	14	–	–
Brompton	151	2	2
Danby Wiske	8	–	–
Deighton	2	–	–
East Cowton	19	–	–
East Harlsey	2	–	–
Ellerbeck	4	–	–
Great Langton ..	4	–	–
Great Smeaton ..	6	–	–
Hornby	2	–	–
Kirby Sigston ..	2	–	–
Morton-on-Swale ..	6	–	–
Nether Silton	2	–	–
Osmotherley	41	–	–
Romanby	235	–	–
Thornton-le-Beans ..	2	–	–
Thrintoft	8	–	–
Welbury	2	–	–
Yafforth	4	–	–
	556	2	2

PLANS ANALYSIS. PLANS. 542 Plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table.

Parish	Layout	New Buildings	Alterations to Dwellings	Garages Sheds Greenhouses Caravans etc.	Miscel-laneous	Agricultural Buildings	Bathrooms & W.C.'s etc.	Total
Ainderby Steeple ..	3	—	4	1	2	1	—	11
Appleton Wiske ..	13	3	8	3	1	3	1	32
Birkby ..	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	3
Borrowby ..	8	4	7	2	—	2	—	23
Brompton ..	11	2	24	20	3	—	3	63
Cowton, East ..	5	4	11	3	1	3	—	27
Cowton, South ..	1	—	2	—	—	2	—	5
Danby Wiske ..	3	2	7	—	2	2	—	16
Deighton ..	1	—	—	3	—	1	—	5
Ellerbeck ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Harlsey, East ..	—	—	3	3	3	1	—	10
Harlsey, West ..	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	4
Hornby ..	6	8	2	3	—	1	—	20
Hutton Bonville ..	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
Kiplin ..	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	3
Kirby Sigston ..	1	1	3	—	—	2	—	7
Langton, Great ..	1	1	4	1	1	2	—	10
Langton, Little ..	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	4
Lazenby ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Morton-upon-Swale ..	7	1	10	4	3	1	—	26
Osmotherley ..	20	4	17	4	4	—	5	54
Otterington, North ..	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Romanby ..	10	5	34	61	9	2	1	122
Rounton, West ..	4	—	10	—	—	2	—	16
Smeaton, Great ..	—	3	5	1	—	2	—	11
Silton, Nether ..	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	3
Silton, Over ..	6	—	2	—	—	3	1	12
Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe ..	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	4
Thrintoft ..	1	1	4	—	1	2	—	9
Thimbleby ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Thornton-le-Beans ..	2	2	6	—	1	—	—	11
Warlaby ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Welbury ..	3	1	5	—	1	3	—	13
Winton ..	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	3
Yafforth ..	1	—	3	—	2	—	—	6
TOTAL	110	43	178	114	40	46	11	542

HOUSING ACTS.

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.

A. Houses Demolished.

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during quarter	
		Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	Nil	Nil	Nil
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc. ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957 ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	Nil	Nil	Nil
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	Nil	Nil	Nil

B. Unfit Houses Closed.

	Unfit Houses closed	Displaced during year	
	Number	Persons	Families
(8) Under Section 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957 .. and Section 26 Housing Act 1961	4	Nil	Nil
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957 ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil

C. Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by local authority	17	Nil
(12) After formal notice under		
(*a*) Public Health Acts ..	Nil	Nil
(*b*) Section 9 and 16 Housing Acts, 1957	Nil	Nil
(13) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil

D. Unfit Houses in Temporary use (Housing Act, 1957).

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
Position at end of quarter		
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(*a*) under Section 48 ..	Nil	Nil
(*b*) under Section 17 (2) ..	Nil	Nil
(*c*) under Section 46 ..	Nil	Nil
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	Nil	Nil

E. Purchase of Houses by Agreement.

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year ..	Nil	Nil

Housing Acts. Improvement Grants.

The 1971 Housing Act, which came into force on the 23rd June, 1971 increased the maximum grant from 50% to 75% of the cost and the Standard Grant to £300. 96 Grants (Discretionary) were approved amounting to a total of £97,885. 9 Standard Grants amounting to a total of £2,156. 90% of the money spent on these grants is made available by the Treasury and the remaining 10% out of the local Rate Fund.

Qualification Certificates (1972)

The Housing Act, 1969 also introduced Qualification Certificates which enable a landlord to apply to a local authority for a Certificate stating that the house is in a satisfactory state of repair and provided with all the amenities. The issue of such a Certificate enables the landlord to approach the Rent Officer with a view to having rent decontrolled and hence increased.

Applications received	4
Granted	4
Certificates of Provisional Approval—	
Applications Received	5
Granted	5

Streams and Watercourses

Streams have been cleansed at Morton-on-Swale, East Cowton, Thrintoft, Thornton-le-Beans and Welbury,

For some years I have referred to the pollution of streams by untreated sewage from villages and farm wastes, and it is a matter for gratification that by the end of 1973 all villages will have modern sewage disposal schemes. It would be over-optimistic to assume, however, that our streams and watercourses would continue to be unthreatened by pollution. The economics of the agricultural industry may dictate a growing intensification with consequent heavy disposals and it is a problem which cannot be ignored.

Rodent Control.

In exercise of their responsibilities under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, the Council employ a full-time operator.

Dwelling houses may receive a free service for the eradication of rats and mice, but not farms and business premises. The services of the operator are available to farmers, etc., on either a contract or casual basis.

During 1972, 12 months contracts were secured in respect of 76 farms. The total value of the contracts was £582.85. The highest contract was £18.90, and the lowest £3 : the average contract figure being £7.67.

The following table shows particulars of work carried out :—

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
Annual Report on Rats and Mice
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949
Year ended 31st December, 1972

Northallerton R.D.C.
Yorkshire (North Riding)

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property: Non-Agricultural	Type of Property: Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district ..	3,667	619
2. *a* Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	83	15
b Number infested by—		
(i) Rats	14	2
(ii) Mice	63	9
3. *a* Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	133	388
b Number infested by—		
(i) Rats	18	223
(ii) Mice	94	16

Sewers

4. Were any sewers infested by rats during the year ? YES

Water Supplies.

Piped water is supplied throughout the area by the Northallerton and The Dales Water Board. The water is pressure-filtered, chlorinated, and is of a high degree of purity.

1. (*a*) Throughout the year the water supply for the area was satisfactory both in quality and in quantity ; the latter only so far as essential use is concerned. Boreholes at Ainderby Steeple were brought into use to augment the supply.

(*b*) Any contamination of the supply was dealt with by extra chlorination and flushing of the mains.

(*c*) The following Table shows details of houses supplied with water throughout the area :—

Parish	Total Domestic Properties	Houses supplied by		Private piped supply in houses or metered Cottage—Estimated (3)	Population	
		R.V. (1)	Meter (2)		Direct	Stand Pipe
Ainderby Steeple ..	87	80	6	—	253	—
Appleton Wiske ..	144	110	26	5	368	—
Birkby ..	16	6	6	1	48	—
Borrowby ..	131	100	24	4	327	—
Brompton ..	694	635	57	—	1,790	—
Cotcliffe ..	2	—	—	—	—	—
Crosby ..	9	2	5	—	20	—
Cowton, East ..	178	143	24	3	519	—
Cowton, South ..	49	26	12	4	125	—
Danby Wiske ..	73	41	23	1	230	—
Deighton ..	32	14	16	1	108	—
Ellerbeck ..	17	10	7	—	54	—
Harlsey, East ..	89	59	16	11	241	—
Harlsey, West ..	17	6	17	2	60	—
Hornby ..	65	39	21	2	198	—
Hutton Bonville ..	28	11	10	2	133	—
Kiplin ..	26	17	5	2	69	—
Kirby Sigston ..	28	13	10	—	46	—
Langton, Great ..	28	22	5	—	70	—
Langton, Little ..	21	6	2	9	72	—
Landmoth-cum-Catto ..	6	—	4	—	12	—
Lazenby ..	15	9	3	—	42	—
Leake ..	2	—	—	1	7	—
Morton-on-Swale ..	133	117	9	4	396	—
Otterington, North ..	14	3	3	8	38	—
Osmotherley ..	291	270	12	7	604	—
Romanby ..	1,494	1,459	35	—	3,689	—
Rounton, West ..	56	37	16	3	165	—
Smeaton, Great ..	61	46	8	3	176	—
Smeaton, Little ..	19	7	9	2	63	—
Silton, Nether ..	40	27	2	7	161	—
Silton, Over ..	15	8	3	3	40	—
Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe	14	3	9	2	45	—
Thrintoft ..	35	25	8	1	109	—
Thimbleby ..	24	11	8	2	28	—
Thornton-le-Beans ..	80	40	13	9	238	—
Warlaby ..	14	9	3	—	36	—
Welbury ..	95	67	22	3	274	—
Whitwell ..	12	3	2	5	40	—
Winton ..	16	3	11	1	47	—
Yafforth ..	45	28	11	3	102	—
	4,215	3,512	483	111	11,043	—
		483				
		111				
		4,106				

(*d*) The fluoride content of the water is not known.

2. (*a*) The Board's Officers submitted 180 samples for bacteriological examination during the year, of which 172 proved satisfactory and 8 proved unsatisfactory. (In addition, your own officers took 7 samples during the year of which 3 proved satisfactory and 4 proved unsatisfactory).
18 chemical analysis was made during the year and proved satisfactory.

(*b*) The raw water is liable to have plumbo-solvent action, but lime treatment is applied at the Osmotherley plant.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

An incentive bonus scheme was introduced in June which resulted in the reduction of the vehicles from three to two and the number of men employed from 11 to 8.

The Council now run two Shelvoke and Drewery 35 cu. yd. Fore and Aft Tippers operated by 2 loader drivers and 5 collectors.

A weekly collection of bins and pans is made from all but the very isolated properties and tipped at the Council's central tip in Yafforth Road where a tractor driver is employed.

Apart from a few initial collection troubles the new system is working satisfactory.

Vehicle PAJ 588G

Total hours worked by crew	2,163
Total mileage	8,206
Total number of bins emptied by crew ..	115,101

Vehicle WAJ 348J

Total hours worked by crew	2,482
Total mileage	8,313
Total number of bins emptied by crew ..	109,884

Vehicle 32 APY (Side Loader)

Total number of hours	120
Total mileage	414
Total number of bins emptied	1,401

Total Hours ..	4,765
Total Mileage ..	16,933
Total Bins ..	226,386

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960.

The following is a list of food premises in the District :—

General Provisions	29
Confectioners	4
Butchers	6
Bakers	3
Greengrocers	1
Cafes	3
Fried Fish Shops	2
Dried Milk Factory	1
Cold Store	1
Vegetable Pre-packing Plant ..	1
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Premises registered for the sale of ice cream :—

General Provisions	19
Confectioners	4
Cafes	3
	26

All the above premises comply with Regulation 16 (Provision of wash basin and H. & C. water supply).

All the above premises with the exception of 3 confectioners and the cold store, which are exempt, comply with Section 19 (Provision for washing food and equipment).

There are no ice cream manufacturers in the area.

53 inspections were made and conditions generally were found to be good. 6 informal notice were served and complied with by the proprietors.

There are 35 inns or public houses within the area and the majority of these have now been brought up to the necessary standard.

There is one poultry processing premise in the District.

Slaughterhouse and Meat Inspections.

There are 2 private slaughterhouses situate at :—

Morton-on-Swale
Great Smeaton

In accordance with the Meat Regulations 1971 the Council levy Meat Inspection charges as follows :—

18p. per beast.
5p. per pig.
4p. per sheep.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part for Year ending 1972.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed ..	375	Nil	Nil	1,117	301	Nil
Number inspected ..	375	Nil	Nil	1,117	301	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcase condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	7	Nil	Nil	3	2	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ..	1·86%	Nil	Nil	Nil	·66%	Nil
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentages of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cysticerci						
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The total weight of meat and offal condemed was 123 lbs. Carcases affected with Cysticercus Bovis from other areas are held at the Cold Store, Romanby for compulsory freezing as per Meat Inspection Regulations.

The Meat (Sterilization) Regulations, 1969 (came into force in November, 1969), and these replace previous legislation and require all unfit meat to be sterilized before removal from the slaughterhouse. The only exemption from these Regulations is for unfit meat in transit to a processor or zoo etc., and it must be in locked containers bearing the words—"MEAT UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION" or similar.

A 100% meat inspection service is carried out by your officers and the slaughter-houses are maintained very satisfactorily.

Drainage and Sewerage

During the year part of the Romanby and Brompton extension scheme (Water End) was completed.

The following schemes were commenced :—

West Rounton Area
(West Rounton, East Harlsey, Welbury and Deighton).

Over Silton

Thimbleby

Great Langton

Danby Wiske

Hornby

Yafforth

Thornton-le-Beans

Settling tanks in the villages were cleaned out on 31 occasions.

Domestic septic tanks are emptied every two years on request free of charge.

Closet Conversions

During the year, the following water closet were provided by way of conversions :—

Parish	No.
Ainderby Steeple	4
Appleton Wiske	4
Borrowby	1
Brompton	1
Danby Wiske	1
Deighton	1
East Cowton	6
South Cowton	1
East Harlsey	1
Hutton Bonville	2
Hornby	2
Kirby Sigston	3
Morton-on-Swale	1
Nether Silton	2
Over Silton	2
Great Smeaton	3
West Rounton	2
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Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are none within the rural area to which the public have access. There are two private swimming pools : 1 at Osmotherley and 1 at Great Smeaton.

In conclusion, of this, my 32nd Annual Report, I should like to express my appreciation of the support which is given to me by members of the Council and my fellow Officials ; also to acknowledge the loyal service of the outside manual staff who carry out their duties conscientiously with the minimum of supervision.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. TEMPLEMAN.

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